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Gentlemen, let me explain what is going on. After discussing matters with the Texas State Health Commissioner, Dr. Shah with Harris County Health has spoken with Dr. Pat Breyse, the Director of CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and the Assistant Administrator of ATSDR. Dr. Shah has requested a team from NCEH/ATSDR to assist his team deal with the environmental human health implications of the ITC fire. Dr. Breyse tasked me this morning to assemble a team of 3-4 people to travel to Houston and provide the support to Harris County Health in accordance with our obligations under the Public Health Service Act. We are working to iron out the details of that support.

I realize Coast Guard Sector Houston and EPA Region 6 have been heavily involved first in the air release and the subsequent on-going water response. I did not want to have our team show up without letting Mr. Adams, the EPA OSC, or Captain Oditt, Sector Houston, know we are coming. Right now, it looks like I will be the team lead; my contact information is below. If I can answer any questions before hand, I will be glad to do so.

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Rich,

I am copying the RRT Co-Chairs. Ronnie Crossland (EPA) and Mike Sams (Coast Guard) as POC for your Atlanta team helping/supporting county health. Emails included above so you can reach them directly.

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